

SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1-45, all of the claims in the application have been rejected under 35 USC 101 as being Statutory Double Patenting over the claims of US Patent No. 6,939,900 [The actual Patent No. is 6,938,900].

TRAVERSAL OF THE REJECTION - ARGUMENT

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Applicants have provided substantive amendments to all independent claims that more significantly recite limitations that are not the same as the limitations in the issued US 6,938,900 patent used in this rejection. It is assumed that the US PTO may assert that with these additional limitations, the claims are now subject to an Obviousness-Type Double Patenting rejection. Applicants thereby preemptively file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with regards to that patent.

All existing issues with respect to both Statutory Double Patenting and Obviousness-Type Double Patenting are resolved in this Application.

CONCLUSION

The rejection has been overcome by the amendments, arguments and filing of a Terminal Disclaimer, and all rejections are therefore in error and should be withdrawn. All claims should be allowed.

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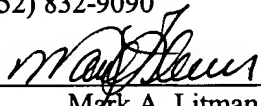
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